IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY

CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

Writ Petition No.6998 of 2006

Balkrishna M Gunaji. Petitioner.

Vs

State of Maharashtra & Ors. ..Respondents

Mr. R.K. Mendadkar with Mrs Helen Mandlik for the petitioner.
Mr. R.D. Shinde Asst Govt. Pleader for respondents.

CORAM: H.S.BEDI,C.J., &
V.M.KANADE, J.

DATE: October 19, 2006.

P.C.:-

1. Rule. By consent, rule is made returnable forthwith. Heard parties.
2. The only grievance of the petitioner is that his caste claim is pending for verification with the respondent no.2 committee and respondent no. 3 have stated that they shall take coercive steps against the petitioner including non payment of salary since September 2006.
3. In these peculiar facts and circumstances, the respondent no. 2 committee is directed to dispose of the proceedings regarding caste verification of the petitioner as expeditiously as possible and in any event, within three months from today In the meanwhile, the respondents shall not take any

coercive measure against the petitioner, including non payment of salary since September 2006 on the ground of non submission of caste validity certificate. It is further directed that in case, the decision of the respondent no. 2 committee is adverse to the petitioner, the same shall not be given effect to, for a period of three weeks from the date of communication of the order to the petitioners

4. With these directions, writ petition is disposed of with no order as to costs.

CHIEF JUSTICE

V.M.KANADE J.